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1. [] Ventspils in April 1954, approximately 40 naval units were lying on the south side of the Venta River. About 30 of the ships [] were of 300 tons with low freeboard and large sheer. The stack, aft of a long low bridge, was modern drape-raked, rather heavy in appearance, with the top cut at an angle. In front of the bridge was a light gun with a protecting shield. On the afterdeck was a gun of the same type. An antiaircraft gun in a double gun carriage was on the after edge of the bridge. There were rails for mines or depth charges on the afterdeck and six depth charges on each side. On the bridge there was a radar screen antenna.
2. [] three motor torpedo boats about 15 meters in length, [] They had torpedo tubes covered with flaps on either side of the bow and an apparatus on the foredeck which also had the appearance of a torpedo tube. There were antiaircraft guns forward and aft of the bridge.
3. Beyond the other vessels was a submarine, of which only the tower was visible.

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